

INTERESTING SERIAL-HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WOMAN IN THE OFFICE OR HOME

DOES A LITTLE SUCCESS BECOME A DANGEROUS THING?

Letter From a Mother Whose Son's Cleverness in Amateur Performances Has Apparently Determined His Career

A LETTER comes to me from a parent who is deeply concerned over the attitude she should take in regard to her son's choice of a career. Unlike so many parents, she has not set her heart on making of "Billy" a doctor, a lawyer, a merchant or a chief, as the case may be, but wants to feel that in choosing his vocation he will be doing that for which he is most adapted.

The lure of the spotlight is strong for this boy from the tone of the letter. Like so many others, a fair measure of success as an amateur has quite turned his head, so that he imagines himself to be a Booth or a Barrett in embryo. But after all, wild applause following a fairly clever "stunt" at an amateur performance, and before an audience composed of indulgent relatives and friends, is quite a different thing from the "ret-the-hook" atmosphere which may be in store for him in the real theatrical world, and I think this mother has taken quite the right stand, for a few months on the road will show of what stuff he is made, and he probably will return a sadder but wiser youth.

The letter reads in part: "The boy belongs to that large class of the 'divine average' which shows no marked gift. He can handle a hammer as well as a ninety-nine other boys out of every hundred; he reads intelligently and selects the best books for his reading; he impersonates as well as others of average talent, and he has done some amateur theatrical work; he can strike a bargain as keenly as any wideawake boy of nineteen. If you will look over this enumeration you see that some phase of reading holds the

chief place—that is Billy's general inclination now.

"Billy thinks he reads to some purpose. He knows he acts well, and because he cannot compare himself with hundreds of other boys of his age of similar tastes he does not know of their like ability.

"So he flops to the histrionic now. It was all the fault of his one great success as Sir Andrew in 'Twelfth Night,' the genuine admiration of friends; the misinterpreted recommendation that he prove his ability in more of the same kind of thing. He thought proving it meant on the professional stage. Now he insists on dropping everything to prepare himself in a dramatic sense. "I'm frantic with concern as to the right step for him to take. I have no prejudice against theatrical life. I do not believe that a man's success lies in the size of his bank account, but I do believe that success is in doing to the fullest that which lies deep in one's interest and capability. But how may I be sure of the boy's capability?"

"You may judge me rash, imprudent or insane, but I have advised the boy to go into dramatics to the exclusion of everything else—all this while I claw the precipice of doubt as to where lies wisdom in such a decision. I insist that my theory of success is right, and that if anything succeeds better than success it is enthusiasm rightly trained.

"I have never had the same responsibility in helping any one choose a vocation, and the problem embodied becomes more and more to me a riddle. I suppose only the years hold its solution."

MY MARRIED LIFE

By ADELE GARRISON

Lillian Gale's Confidences

"HOLD that pose just a minute. Don't move. It's simply perfect."

Lillian Gale's merry voice interrupted her husband's declaration to me that I hated him, but that he would make me like him. As he stood looking down at me, his hand clapping mine so lightly that I could not pull it away, his brilliant eyes, with the lazy, approving look I detested, roving over my face, I silently accepted his challenge. I told myself that I did hate him, and that I never, never would change my feeling.

Lillian's nonsense was a welcome diversion. With clever mimicry she had struck the attitude of a nervous photographer just ready to close the shutter of his camera. Dicky stood just behind her, also smiling, but while Lillian's movement evidently was genuine, I detected a distaste for the proceedings behind Dicky's smile, which I knew was forced.

Lillian slipped in an imaginary plate, then springing to one side stood pretending to clamp the bulb of the shutter in her hand, while she counted: "One, two, three, four, five—thank you."

"Now if you will just change your expressions," she rattled on. "Happy, why don't you take both her hands? Then if Mrs. Graham will smile a trifle, we will have a sentimental gem, or if she makes her expression even a trifle more disapproving than it is, I can label it 'Unhappily, villain!'"

"I never take a dare," returned her husband, and snatched my other hand. But I was really angry by this time and I wrenched my hand away with an effort and threw up my head a trifle haughtily, although fortunately I was able to control my words:

"Do you know, people, that there will be no food for you tonight unless I buy myself with its procurement immediately?" Mrs. Underwood, won't you entertain these boys and excuse me for a little while?"

A WELCOME AID
"I know a better scheme than that," Harry Underwood's voice broke in. "I'll entertain Dicky and I'll help make the sandwiches. I am probably the best cutter of sandwich bread in the State. Earned my living at it for five years once."

His voice held a touch of cynical amusement, I divined that he was enjoying my evident dislike of him immensely. I could not fathom the man; I was beginning not only to hate him, but for some vague, unexplained reason almost to fear him.

"You are altogether too eager," his wife said brusquely, with the rough and ready good nature which appears to be one of her strongest attributes. "Mrs. Graham isn't used to your little ways, and you would scare her to death. You'll just sit down here, bucko boy, and keep Dicky-bird company and I'll help Mrs. Graham myself."

"That will be awful good of you," I heard myself saying. "Dicky tells me you are a sandwich expert. Let me get you an apron."

"My hands always feel powdery after gloves," she answered. "Give me the apron and I'll wash up a bit." She disappeared into the bathroom and I reflected upon the strangeness of the situation. I had resented Dicky's praise of Lillian's sandwiches. I had insisted upon making them myself, and here I was genuinely glad to have her with me in the dining room. Of course, my real reason for wishing her there was my fear that Dicky-bird might otherwise insist upon helping me. But when another woman has genuinely welcomed another for whatever reason, it is not so easy to go back to any first dislike of her.

I still distrusted Lillian Gale. She puzzled me in many ways. I disapproved of many of her actions. But I found to my surprise that the active dislike of her I had felt ever since I first met her in the theater had been much modified by the incidents of the afternoon.

THE MISSING INGREDIENT
I went into the dining room and put on the kitchen apron I had taken off when I heard the voices of my early guests. Almost immediately Lillian appeared arrayed in the apron I had given her. She came up to the table and surveyed it with approving eyes.

"What ripping sandwich timber! Where do you want me to begin? Shall I slice the bread while you fix up the stuff to spread inside?"

"If you please," I replied. "I see there are two or three things I have forgotten." I touched the bell which still remained on the table and Katie appeared.

"Why, how do you do, Katie? I had forgotten you were here." Mrs. Underwood said casually, while Katie's face beamed.

"Oh, yes, Missis Underwood, I here, I like."

A girl who has lost her lover, through no fault of her own, has my sympathy, but it is to be regretted that the man is not true to her. No man ever will be true to her who has not been true to her in the past. No man ever will be true to her who has not been true to her in the past. No man ever will be true to her who has not been true to her in the past.

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Combining Two Materials
To the Editor of Woman's Page:
Dear Madam—I have some dark blue satin, but not quite enough to make an entire dress, and I was thinking of combining it with Georgette crepe for an afternoon dress. Can you give me any idea as to how to do this? I would like to use the blue satin for the bodice and the Georgette for the skirt. Thanking you in advance, I am,
Yours truly,
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Letters and questions submitted to this department must be written on one side of the paper and signed with the name of the writer. Special queries like those given below are invited. It is understood that the editor does not necessarily endorse the sentiments expressed. All communications for this department should be addressed as follows: THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, Evening Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa.

The winner of today's prize is Mrs. John H. Reese, of Riverton, N. J., whose letter appeared in Saturday's paper.

TODAY'S INQUIRIES

- 1. How can a mirror be resilvered?
- 2. What kind of spoons should be used when stirring mixtures in a shallow dish?
- 3. What can be done with jam that has become hard and sugary?

ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S INQUIRIES

- 1. In Chicago, where experiments are being made to lower the cost of heating, a forty-cent menu for one day included: Breakfast—Fresh apples, liver and bacon, one-egg muffins, butter and coffee; Lunch—Creamed codfish, baked potatoes, corn bread, butter and cocoa; Dinner—Vegetable soup, pot roast, sautéed parsnips, cranberry sauce, rice and raisin pudding and tea.
- 2. If a washbowl leaks while clothes are in it, drop in a handful of kerosene and it will stop up the hole for the time being.
- 3. Phonograph needles with worn points can be used in place of tacks.

Thanksgiving Poem
To the Editor of Woman's Page:
Dear Madam—May I send along instead of a note a Thanksgiving poem?

Thank God, who gives the increase,
For country's plentiful harvest,
Thank Him for plenty of peace
Amid a world at war;
Thank Him for happiness and health
(Henceforth our own roof-tree),
Thank Him for this share of being,
The greatest that can be.

Yes, thank Him for a heart at rest
Mid hindrances and worries,
Let gratitude fill every breast
And give Thanksgiving due.
—BETSY BLOSSOM.

Cleaning Brass—Christmas Gift
To the Editor of Woman's Page:
Dear Madam—Can you tell me of something to clean brass which has been in an antique shop for a long time?

Your page is exceedingly interesting. May I tell you of an idea which I have for the Pacific coast? I lived in hotels for seven years, more or less, and a great many had brass bags made for their trunks with a wide band containing a tape. In case of fire the contents of the trunk could be quickly pushed into the bag, the string drawn and the tape thrown over the window. Something ornamental and useful.

Tarnish on brass can usually be removed by the application of salt and strong vinegar or oxalic acid. Rub hard until the article is bright, then wash in clear, very hot water and while still hot polish with a chamotte dipped in sweet oil and a pinch of whiting. Then wipe with soft paper, heat moderately and your brass will have that soft, mellow appearance, and at the same time will be bright and shining.

Thank you for the suggestion; the bags would make very good Christmas gifts.

Cleaning Paint
To the Editor of Woman's Page:
Dear Madam—Enamel paint should never be washed with soapy water, as it removes the chief beauty of the paint. To clean it, wash with a solution of ammonia. When you have a quantity of ammonia, carry it in a glass jar, and use it in a glass jar. It will not only remove the dirt, but it will give the surface a beautiful clean condition.

To Brown Sweet Potatoes
To the Editor of Woman's Page:
Dear Madam—What is the best and quickest way to brown sweet potatoes? (Mrs.) T. P.

A very good way and one that I have found most delicious is to save the bacon grease from breakfast and heat well before dropping the boiled sweet potatoes in it. Let cook until brown, then turn and brown the other side. This takes a very short time and is a good idea if you have to get supper or dinner in a hurry.

Delicious Sweet Cider Punch
To the Editor of Woman's Page:
Dear Madam—Mix one cupful sweet cider, one cupful grape juice, one-half cupful grapefruit juice, two tablespoons lemon juice, one-half cupful of mineral water. Add sugar to taste and pour into a punch glass. Many think a few grains of alum is an improvement in this punch. Two slices of water may be substituted for the mineral water.

Irish Broth
To the Editor of Woman's Page:
Dear Madam—Could you please inform me concerning the "Irish Broth" which I would like to know what they are.

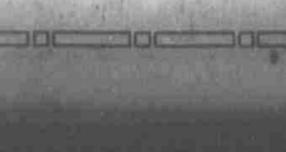
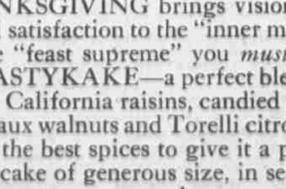
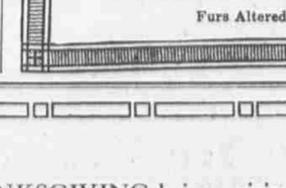
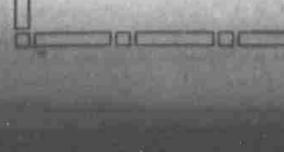
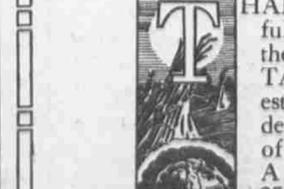
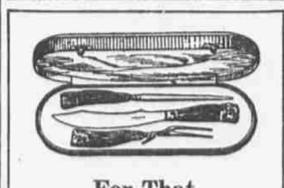
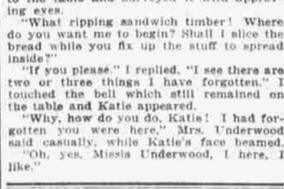
There are three distinct sets of "Seven Wonders of the World." The wonders of the ancient world were Pyramids of Egypt, Pharos of Egypt, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Temple of Diana at Ephesus, Statue of Jupiter, by Phidias; Mausoleum of Artemisia, and Colossus of Rhodes.

The seven wonders of the Middle Ages were the Coliseum of Rome, Catacombs of Alexandria, Great Wall of China, Stonehenge, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Porcelain Tower of Nankin, and Mosque of St. Sophia in Constantinople.

The seven natural wonders of the new world are Niagara Falls, Mammoth Cave, Grand Canyon of Colorado, River Ganges, Trans of California, Yellowstone Park, Yosemite Valley and Natural Bridge of Virginia.

Two Helpful Suggestions
To the Editor of Woman's Page:
Dear Madam—Just a little suggestion and a tip.

Preventing Tetter—If you wash your darling baby with tetter, no trouble in keeping the tetter from coming.



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